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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1894.

## TELEGRAMS.

JAPANESE REPULSE AT PORT ARTHUR.

LONDON, November 23rd.

There has been continuous heavy firing in the

vicinity of Port Arthur since noon of the 20th

inst. The Japanese made four attacks on the

positions; at the first attack they drove back the

Chinese outposts, but were repulsed in the other

three assaults.

### THE BOMBARDMENT OF PORT ARTHUR.

The Japanese have warned an English war-

ship at Port Arthur (the *Archer*) to leave, as a

bombardment of the port was intended on Wed-

nesday last.

## PEACE PROPOSALS.

Mr. Gustave Detring has started for Japan  
with overtures of peace on behalf of the Chinese  
Government.

[This report needs a lot of confirmation.—Ed  
H.K. Telegraph.]

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A FULL report of the Gymkhana will appear in  
our next issue.

THE latest definition of a genius is a man who  
does something that others say cannot be done.

ONE million one hundred thousand Hebrews  
perished by plague and famine in the year 70  
A.D.

THE new rifle which has been adopted in the  
United States Army weighs only eight pounds  
and will kill a man at a distance of two miles.

STONE bullets were used till the year 1574, when  
iron was adopted. It was near the close of the  
Sixteenth century before leaden bullets were  
generally adopted.

IN 1050—"Ladies of the jury, have you agreed?"  
"Well, Judge, we have agreed; but we'd rather  
be discharged without a verdict, because we're  
not sure we're right, you know."

A SPECIAL and elaborate programme has been  
prepared for the spectators at Harcourt's Circus  
to-night. The performance is under the patron-  
age of His Excellency Major General Digby  
Barker.

THE Mission steam-launch *Day Spring* will  
call alongside vessels holding cargo permits C,  
between 9 and 10.30 a.m. on Sunday, to convey  
men ashore to the 11 o'clock service, returning  
about 12.30 p.m.

MR. Henry Jones declares, in an open letter to  
Mrs. Grundy, that the moral contained in his  
play "Rebellious Susan" is simply this:—"That  
if women cannot retaliate openly, they will  
retaliate secretly—and He!"

LI KI-SUN, shopkeeper, who had several previous  
convictions for larceny, was sentenced by Mr.  
Hastings at the Police Court this morning to six  
months' imprisonment for annexing clothing and  
jewellery valued at \$6 from a Chinese *maison*  
de plaisir.

THE compiler of the most curious statistical  
table of the century shows that the average life  
of a physician in the Sixteenth century was 36.5  
years; in the Seventeenth century, 45.8; in the  
Eighteenth century, 49.8, and at the present  
time is 56.7.

A MEETING of the Legislative Council will be  
held on Wednesday, 28th inst., at 3 p.m. The  
transaction of business connected with the Special  
Minutes submitted by the Acting Colonial  
Secretary. Meetings of the Finance and Public  
Works Committees will be held immediately  
after the Council meeting.

Tramp—About a year ago I came by, and you  
gave me an old vest. You say you don't know it,  
man, but there was a \$5 bill in that vest.

Lady of the House—Mercy! Have you brought  
it back?

Tramp—Not much! I've come for another  
vest.

THE hearing in the *Pha Chom Kiao v. R.C.*  
salvage case, in which Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C.,  
and Mr. A. J. Leach, Q.C., are the opposing  
counsel, was concluded before Mr. E. J. Aikroyd,  
Acting Chief Justice, and Comdr. W. C. H.  
Hastings, R.N., Assistant Harbour Master,  
acting as Assessor, in the Colonial Court of  
Admiralty to-day. His lordship reserved judg-

ment.

MR. Albert Chevalier, the well-known vocalist,  
was married on the 8th ult. before the Registrar  
of Chapel-en-le-Frith, near Stockport, to Miss  
Florence Laybourne Clayton. Miss Clayton is  
well known on the music hall stage under the  
name of Florie Laybourne, and is the daughter  
of the late George Laybourne, who some twenty  
years ago was the "Lion comique" of the London  
music hall stage.

A CELESTIAL butcher who wished to shuffle off  
this mortal coil appeared before Mr. Hastings  
at the Magistrate's court this morning. The "clever"  
pleaded that people followed him everywhere  
and cheated him, his life was a burden to him and  
so he thought he'd "get out." As he was not a  
raving maniac and promised to live as long as  
possible, he was allowed to go on his way  
rejoicing.

IN his annual report to the Vestry of Hampstead,  
Professor Alfred W. Stokes, the public analyst  
for that parish, says:—"Sausages.—A sample  
bought from a street stall was found to consist  
of—Broad seven-tenths, fat two-tenths, and  
one-tenth by weight of fine meat, with a little  
seasoning and a little vegetable colouring matter.  
This last was added to cover the absence of  
meat. Such sausages are being sold in other  
districts of London just now. Till we get a legal  
definition of a 'sausage' it is doubtful whether  
the *Food and Drugs Act* will touch the vendors  
of such concoctions."

HERE is a conundrum for a correct solution of  
which within forty-eight hours the *Hongkong  
Telegraph* offers the ancient Order of the  
Boat-lick.—If Renter's information wired to  
Hongkong under date London 23rd November  
that "there has been continuous heavy firing in  
the vicinity of Port Arthur since noon of the 20th  
inst. The Japanese made four attacks on the  
positions; at the first attack they drove back the  
Chinese outposts, but were repulsed in the other  
three assaults" is correct—and there  
is no reason to suppose the report to be otherwise  
than reliable—then how can the following  
"yarn" published in the *China Mail's* "Extra"  
this afternoon be a statement of the truth, the  
whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help  
etc., etc., seeing that had Port Arthur fallen into  
the hands of the Japanese on the 21st inst.  
it would surely have been known in London  
before Renter despatched his message on the  
23rd instant? Here is the *China Mail's* latest  
"squeal" referred to:—

"PORT ARTHUR TAKEN."  
SHANGHAI, November 24th, 9.56 a.m.  
"Port Arthur was taken by the Japanese on  
Wednesday, the 21st instant, after severe fighting."  
Will our contemporary be good enough to  
explain how, if Port Arthur was actually  
captured by the Japanese on the 21st instant,  
it took two days for the news of such an important  
victory to reach Shanghai? It sounds rather like a  
whale, or a "squeal," or an invention of the Devil  
if you will. And even if it is a fact that Port  
Arthur has been taken, what is the Japanese doing  
at Peking? "So, the Japanese have taken Port  
Arthur. We think not, hardly!"

THE latest "Vanishing Act" article is an Indian  
watchman recently employed at the Pak-hu-lam  
reservoir whose little bills amount to \$1000.  
According to latest accounts it appears that he  
asked for a month's leave, and in now nearly  
four weeks "overdue." His leave expired on the  
21st ult. From a trustworthy source we learn  
that this article is now having a "good time"  
in Shanghai.

THE Guardians of the City of London have a  
pauper under their care who is of a poetic frame  
of mind. He is peculiarly susceptible, too, to  
evil smells, and new corduroy is exceptionally  
offensive to him. He has just petitioned the  
Guardians to be allowed to discard the corduroys  
on chapel days and to wear his best clothes. His  
letter is very pathetic, and here and there bursts  
into poetry:—

You gentlemen in broadcloth,  
Whom nothing does annoy?  
How can a pauper sing and pray  
When clothed in corduroy?

The Guardians declined to bear any more of the  
grievance, especially as the complainant is still  
under 45, and they have a rule which only  
allows inmates over 60 to wear their "best  
clothes" in church. Moreover a threat was held  
out that if any more "poetry" was sent to the  
Board the privilege of using pens, ink, and paper,  
hitherto accorded to the inmates of the work-  
house, might be withdrawn.

ON the 9th and 13th instant attention was  
specifically called to the fact of the  
Colonies being overrun by gangs of desper-  
adoes of every description, and we then  
appealed to the authorities to adopt special  
precautions for the public safety. Nothing was  
done; the useful law relating to night-passes  
was not even enforced, and the result is that  
two shocking outrages have been perpetrated  
in the very heart of the City of Victoria result-  
ing in the killing of a Sikh constable and the  
serious wounding of a Sikh constable and a  
member of a gang of ruffians that were "hold-  
ing up" a shop in Weymouth Street. And now  
after the "100" has been escaped from the stable  
the night-pass law is being rigidly enforced  
with the result that 58 Chinese were run in last  
night and fined \$7 apiece with the alternative  
of a month in goal. Most of them "went up."  
When will the authorities comprehend that  
they are not immaculate, and that the *Hong-  
kong Telegraph* thoroughly comprehends what  
it talks about.

THE shipping news supplied by the *China Mail*  
appears to be on a par with its very "leakable"  
news supplied by the comic war (7) special,  
who after hanging about the backdoor of the  
branch office of the Japanese News Bureau at  
Hiroshima was dumped at Chemulpo the other  
day. In recent issues the Editor of the *Shan*  
made an exhibition of himself as follows:—

*China Mail*, Nov. 20.  
About a week ago,  
one Chinese contem-  
porary (*Wah Tai Yat*  
*Po*) reported, in the  
columns of the *Shan*,  
that a collision had  
taken place between  
the *Shan* and a junk  
six miles west of  
Canton.

It would appear that  
the Chinese contem-  
porary (*Wah Tai Yat*  
*Po*) was correct in its  
report, for the details  
of the collision in the  
Canton River. We  
learn that in the col-  
lision between the *Fa-  
shan* and a junk six  
miles west of Canton  
thirty-four were lost,  
thirty-four were in-  
jured, and the *Fa-shan*  
was damaged. The  
junk was reported to  
be carrying a cargo of  
rice, and the collision  
resulted in the loss of  
the rice. The *Fa-shan*  
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In point of fact, four Chinese were alleged to  
be drowned as the result of a collision between  
their junk and the *Fa-shan*; an inquiry held at  
the British Consulate at Canton on Tuesday  
resulted in a finding against the *Fa-shan*, and it is unlikely  
that any claim for compensation would be favour-  
ably considered by the owners of the *Fa-shan*.  
Further comment would be entirely superfluous.

### AN EVENING WITH THE "ODD VOLUMES."

To make the proceedings of the Odd Volumes  
interesting and useful has ever been one of the  
main objects which the Council of this young  
and flourishing society have had in view since  
its foundation two years ago, and the highly  
successful *London* last Thursday evening was  
evidence of the ability of Dr. Jas. Cantile  
and his indefatigable colleagues to combine  
business and pleasure in a manner hitherto  
unequalled in the annals of any literary  
society which has had its existence in this  
"Isle of Fragrant Streams" both as to the  
large and a beautiful audience assembled  
in the spacious dining hall of the *Hongkong  
Hotel* and the quality and variety of the  
amusement afforded the proceedings was  
a unique success. The objects for which  
the meeting was called were twofold, firstly, to  
transact the business of the second annual  
meeting, and secondly to bid farewell to Mr.  
Sydney Jeffrey, of the *Daily Press*, the  
Secretary of the society, who is shortly leaving  
the Colony to join the staff of the *Strait Times*.

The first part of the programme was conducted  
in the drawing-room. Dr. Cantile, who  
presided, moved the adoption of the report and  
accounts. Mr. Skerchley seconded and the  
motion was carried unanimously. Messrs.  
Frank Brown and W. M. John, M. Hancock  
were unanimously elected joint secretaries  
for the year. Mr. Sidney Jeffrey resigned. On the motion  
of Mr. Chas. Duncanson, seconded by Mr. J. H.  
Stewart, Lockhart, the following resolution  
was carried:—"Resolved, that the members of  
the society be invited to meet on the 1st of  
December at the Society's new publication  
*The Rags of the East* was postponed for a week,  
and then, after a vote of thanks had been  
tendered to the Chairman, an adjournment was  
made to the Dining Hall, where the members  
met their friends at 8 p.m. At 8.15, which will  
long be remembered as one of the most successful  
and most enjoyable social gatherings ever held in the  
colony, and that is saying a good deal.

returned thanks, expressing the pleasure his  
connection with the Society had afforded him  
from first to last, and he availed himself of the  
opportunity to remind the members that the  
prediction of those who scoffed at the Society  
and confidently predicted its early demise had  
been completely falsified, for it was now a firmly  
established institution and contained in its  
ranks the most influential members of all the  
professions represented in the Colony. Subse-  
quently Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C., proposed  
"Success to the Odd Volumes," concluding with  
the toast of the Vice-President, Dr. James  
Cantile. He confessed that he was at one time  
very dubious about the permanence of the Society  
for he had seen many local literary societies  
pass out of existence after a few months' pre-  
carious existence, but he was confident that the  
one whose success he now had great pleasure  
in proposing was firmly established and had a  
long career of usefulness before it. Its success  
was undoubtedly chiefly due to Dr. Cantile  
whose tact, energy and ability had been exerted  
unreservedly in its behalf, and without which it  
could not have flourished. Before resuming his  
seat Mr. Francis drew attention to the difficulty  
that would be experienced of finding a suitable  
successor to Dr. Cantile should he at some  
future date leave the colony, but he expressed  
his confidence in its success so long as he  
championed its cause. Dr. Cantile, in re-  
sponse, said he would hand over the duty of  
replying to the toast to Mr. Skerchley and  
that gentleman thereupon briefly responded  
on behalf of the Odd Volumes. Then the  
musical part of the programme was commenced  
with a song by Mr. Isbell who was followed by  
the versatile Mr. G. G. Brady who, as usual,  
kept the house in roars of laughter for several  
minutes, and had to "Do it again." Then Dr.  
Meadows, who was deservedly encored, favoured  
the company with a song, and was followed on  
the platform by that popular exponent of  
"cooler" ditties, Mr. Charles T. Robinson, who  
gave a spirited rendering of "Can't Change It"  
and as an encore "Strolling Round the Town."  
Later on in the evening he and Mr. Brady were  
called on to amuse the company with more of  
their inimitable renderings of comic songs and  
they were followed by Mr. W. E. Crowe who  
responded to loud calls from all parts of the  
crowded house. Towards the close of the pro-  
ceedings Mr. Stewart Lockhart proposed  
by Mr. Chas. Duncanson, the *Hongkong Tele-  
graph*, and Mr. G. C. Cox, editor of the *Daily  
Press*. Some more songs followed, and then  
Colonel Mulloy proposed the health of the  
Chairman, and Dr. Cantile, who disclaimed being  
endowed with "the gift of the gab," having  
responded at some length, a most enjoyable  
evening was brought to a conclusion by the whole  
company joining in singing "Add Long Syne"  
in the Japanese style.

### A RUSSIAN VIEW OF KOREA.

WHY THE MUSKOVITES SHOULD SEIZE A PORT.

A recent issue of the *Novaya Vremya* contains  
the following description of a port on the north-  
east coast of Korea, whose early seizure by  
Russia is urged by the writer for the benefit  
of Russia falling to help herself in due  
time:—

"Port Sheshakof on the first impression  
reminds one a good deal of Hongkong. The  
main roads to the harbour are a wide channel  
between the island and the mainland, which,  
in its form, greatly resembles the Vladivostok  
channel called the 'Bosphorus of the East,' but  
is a little wider; the channel has incised into  
the island of Gontcharof three splendid bays,  
two of which can accommodate a large fleet;  
the third is small; they are all well sheltered  
from all winds, the fourth bay, though  
a very large one, has too narrow an en-  
trance, with only 6 ft. of water and only 16 ft. in the  
bay; but in any case with a naval port this bay  
could serve as an excellent anchorage for a  
small draught and various floating fortifications.  
The channel itself is excellent anchorage ground,  
with a good bottom, and a uniform depth of water  
not exceeding ten fathoms. By the natives  
accustomed winds occur in winter from the east  
and with not much sea on; the rise of the  
tide is only 2 ft., and the craft at anchor therefore  
swing round with the wind only and not the  
current. The channel or entrance to this port  
is never frozen over, and the shores of the bays  
incised into the island of Gontcharof are skirted  
with ice two months in the year, but so thin that  
communication with boats with the mainland is  
never interrupted, though the ice in some parts  
is strong enough to support a pedestrian. On  
the island of Gontcharof there are very few  
mountain streams, but there is plenty of fresh  
water in the wells, which do not freeze in winter.  
The whole island nearly to the summit is  
cultivated, with the exception of a few plots  
under plantation, which are carefully preserved  
from falling. The entire island is strewn near  
the coast with coral reefs, and the water con-  
tains not above 1,000 inhabitants of both sexes.  
The soil is apparently fertile. From the shallow  
bay incised into the island the natives extract  
sea salt. The fuel for this purpose is brought  
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"Opposite the island on the mainland there  
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and abundance of breakers close to shore, is  
absolutely secure from landing parties."

All will agree with the writer's verdict, says  
the *Times*, that these particulars are "specially  
interesting at this moment, when Korea is the  
arena of a struggle between China and Japan,  
and England searching for an opportunity to  
intervene." There is more reason to question  
the accuracy of what follows:—"Our future  
great railway trunk is a source of great anxiety  
to England, urging her to possess a station  
nearer to Vladivostok, and for this reason we  
should keep a sharp look out upon the eastern  
coast of Korea. I am convinced that Port  
Sheshakof will have an important part to play in  
the affairs of the Far East."

A rather optimistic view of the probable  
difficulties to be encountered in an occupation  
concludes the letter:—"The occupation of Port  
Sheshakof can be effected at the present moment  
without much difficulty. The Korean Govern-  
ment, divided into opposing parties, completely  
demoralized, and incapable of offering any  
resistance, would treat such an occupation with  
the same indifference as it did the English occu-  
pation of Port Hamilton. The place could be se-  
cured with about 100 troops and one gunboat.  
Our interests in the East are at this moment  
seriously at stake, and the war between China and  
Japan may bring forth bitter fruit for us. Should  
Japan prove victorious she will, with the pur-  
chased political connivance of the honest  
brokers, the British, conclude a profitable treaty  
with China, and then quickly proceed to guide  
Korea along the path of progress to a pos-  
ition of strength which will place serious  
obstacles in our way for safeguarding our  
frontiers by occupying points of vantage  
in Korea, if not for active operations at least  
with a view to protecting our shores. But  
the opportunity is not yet lost to us, and we  
can avert the danger. We should at once enter  
into agreement with Japan and support her just  
and reasonable demands in Korea, by which we  
shall not only secure a clear and defined basis  
for Korea, and free and peaceful progress for its  
inhabitants, but by supporting Japan, in the  
event of her military successes, we may obtain  
for ourselves advantages which would other-  
wise fall to England, to our detriment. Japan  
would gain considerably more by joint action  
with us than she would with England, who is not  
likely to be her friend in the future. On the con-  
trary there is the rapid maritime and commercial  
development of rivalry for England, who will  
not submit to such competition calmly. The  
history of England is replete with such examples,  
and it is for us to note this out to the Japanese."  
Port Sheshakof is about 50 miles N.N.E. of  
the port of Yoo-san, otherwise Gensan or Port  
Lazareff.

### NEWS BY THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The following telegrams from our San  
Francisco exchanges were "crowded out" of  
last night's issue:—

LONDON, October 19th.

The *Star* says that Lord William Beresford,  
V.C., brother of the Marquis of Waterford, and  
of Lord Charles Beresford, will shortly be married  
to the Duchess of Marlborough. The story is  
dated, as Lord William Beresford is said for  
today last Friday will be absent for four  
months.

The Duchess of Marlborough was Lillian  
Price of Troy, N.Y., daughter of a retired officer  
in the United States Navy. She was noted for  
her beauty. Miss Price first married Louis  
Hamersley, a very wealthy man of New York.  
After a short married life Hamersley died, leav-  
ing the widow childless.

The *Star* says that the *Pall Mall Gazette* has  
been disappointed in its expectation that Laurence  
Marquez, Delagoa Bay, is quieting down. The  
town is still surrounded by Kaffirs.

The Duchess of Montrose is reported to be  
dying.

ST. PETERSBURG, October 19th.  
The *Novaya Vremya* declares that, in the event  
of the military intervention of Great Britain in  
Afghanistan, Russia will be compelled to take  
similar action, and joint action upon the part of  
Great Britain and Russia will necessarily lead  
to the partition of Afghanistan between these  
two powers.

NEW YORK, October 19th.

The *Herald's* Rome correspondent cables: I  
can state positively that Count Torricelli, Italian  
Ambassador to London, will be recalled because  
he does not agree with Signor Crispi in his  
Anglo-African plans. It is stated that Baron de  
Fava, Italian Ambassador to Washington, will  
shortly be put on the retired list.

MONTVIDEO (Uruguay), October 19th.

Admiral Saldananza Gama banqueting his  
Brazilian officers last night. All drank to the







